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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] GEO MEANY, pres, AFofL, *addressing annual convention (commenting on Administration forecast that '54 will be 2nd best yr in our economic history)*: "Let me make a suggestion on the political campaign to those who advocate a 2nd-best philosophy as being good enough for America. Let us see that they emerge from the political campaign 2nd best."... [2] JAS P MITCHELL, Sec'y of Labor (*following Pres Meany on AFofL program*): "It is hard to see how the Gompers' philosophy is being applied when criticism of an Administration is all-encompassing and takes no note of its intentions or accomplishments."... [3] MARY POS, Dutch authoress and spinster, *addressing World Congress of Bachelors & Spinsters*: "Look at Jeanne D'Arc, Florence Nightingale and Elizabeth Arden. . . They had time to devote to humanity because they were not married." (*Congress changed "spinsters" to "bacheloresses" under feminine prodding*). . . [4] Witness in FHA hearings, *asked why he failed to*

Quote of the Week

Dr ALBERT EINSTEIN, *in a plea for support of Hebrew Univ in Jerusalem*: "In our tradition it is neither the ruler nor the politician, neither the soldier nor the merchant who represents the ideal. Our ideal is represented by the teacher."

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pay income tax on \$2 million alleged profits: "Well, gee, nobody likes to pay taxes!"... [5] ADLAI STEVENSON: "About the only danger our Republican friends don't face this fall is the danger of overconfidence."... [6] Gov THOS E DEWEY (R-N Y): "I warn against the nostrums and snake medicines Democrats are now offering for our few spotty cases of unemployment."... [7] SEABORN P COLLINS, incoming Commander of American Legion, *displaying a new high in lingual reticence*: "From a security standpoint, the United Nations is not worth a tinker's dern."

FOURTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Unions are resolved to establish the principle of guaranteed annual wage in '55. Auto workers will take the lead, partly because it is a mass industry that has suffered greatly from seasonal fluctuations, but primarily because guaranteed wage is Walter Reuther's pet project. At a recent news conf he forecast that auto workers will get this boon in the spring of '55 and added, "10 yrs from now big industrialists will claim credit for it."

Many plans, but probability is that something will be worked out along lines of seniority. A few long-time employes, key people, will get full 52-wk guarantee; others ranging down to perhaps 40 wks employment a yr. Now, even a few industrialists are saying "it might be a good thing" if

plants can thus wipe out peaks, valleys; reduce overtime pay, etc.

Labor is currently taking pot shots at Commerce Sec'y Weeks. (Labor leaders feel his attitude as expressed in current talks and interviews is anti-labor.) Also, there is growing conflict between Weeks and Labor Sec'y Mitchell. They are taking opposite sides on proposed new law to put unions under anti-trust regulations. Mitchell contends, "People are the unions' 'stock in trade' and you can't handle them in the same way you would commodities."

Thing that worries Republicans isn't election of a Democratic governor in Maine, but the *narrow margins* by which Republican congressional candidates squeaked thru. Actually margins averaged nearly 3% lower than in '50—and that yr Demo's won House control by 36 seats. If this trend holds thruout nation, Republicans say privately it means trouble. Pres Eisenhower is being urged to get actively into the fall campaign; will do so, in an effort to preserve Republican majorities in both the House and Senate.



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Charles Hutton of Ferguson



AGE—1

We've reached the age when any news from our dentist is bad news.—WILLIAM FEATHER.

AUTOMOBILE—Travel—2

Motorists in the United States drive their cars an average of a million mi's every minute of the day. — Cities Service Co radio broadcast.

AVIATION—3

In 1946, 2500 business aircraft accounted for about 10% of total general flying hrs; by 1952, over 11,000 business (company-owned) aircraft accounted for 38% of general flying hours, thus exceeding revenue hours of scheduled domestic carriers by some 600,000 hrs. — *Chemical & Engineering News*.

BEHAVIOR—4

We belong to a generation that has lost its way. Unable to develop the great truths which it inherited from the emancipators, it has returned to the heresies of absolutism, authority and the domination of men by men.—WALTER LIPPMAN, *New York Herald-Tribune*.

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At the moment, the world seems to have become a rather peculiar hybrid—partly ostrich, hiding itself in sand, while the rest is stork, producing very large quantities of babies.—JULIAN HUXLEY, scientist.

CHALLENGE—5

In looking back over our lives, we often see that what seemed at the time the worst hrs and the most hopeless in their wretchedness, were in reality the best of all. They developed powers within us that had heretofore slept; developed energies of which we had never dreamed. — JAS FREEMAN CLARKE, *New Outlook*.

CHILD—Discipline—6

I quickly learned (while young) that father (Groucho Marx) couldn't decide whether to be a strict disciplinarian or a soft touch. He didn't believe in spankings at all.

"Grownups don't have the right to slug children," he used to say. "Besides, it isn't safe. When the children grow up, they might slug their parents."

Father always took the long-range view.—ARTHUR MARX, "My Old Man Groucho," *Sat Evening Post*, 9-18-'54.

CHRISTIANITY—7

A strong Christian . . . revolts against all injustices but especially those which do not affect him.—CARDINAL SALIEGE, Archbishop of Toulouse, *Social Order*.

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Look for quick Congressional approval of a pay raise for Congress and the fed'l judiciary early next yr. Overwhelming support for the raise this yr, but leaders of both parties decided it was too risky in election yr. . . Buttons have appeared for fed'l workers miffed by Ike's veto of their pay raise: "No like No-Hike Ike." They're strictly for under-the-coat wearing during working hrs.

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Washington taxi drivers are famous as rumor-passers. Apparently Denver boys have picked up the practice. A newspaperman, currently stationed at Ike's vacation post, says a driver rep'ted: "Ike's mother-in-law rode with me the other day, and she says he isn't going to run again."

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Stephen Mitchell, Democratic nat'l chmn, and Leonard W Hall, his Republican counterpart, both signed "clean campaigning" pledges in a ceremony staged by the new Fair Campaign Practices Committee. Quipped Mitchell: "It won't be necessary for Democrats to call their opponents anything worse than Republicans."

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A Louisiana man wrote the Housing agency that he'd read of "windfall profits" and wanted to get in "Tell me," he wrote, "how I can build a \$10,000 house and get a \$2500 windfall." He added a postscript: "Never mind the house. Just tell me about the \$2500."

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COMMERCE—8

As a nation we will not become competent to exercise world leadership until we learn how much more free trade means to most nations than it has to us in the past.—E L SHANER, editorial, *Steel*.

EDUCATION—9

In a lecture about education, C S Lewis of Oxford once said a striking thing. Recommending teachers not to imagine that young people have merely to be held back, as tho they were exuding energy, but rather have to be brought alive so that they begin to get moving, Lewis cryptically said, "The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles but to irrigate deserts."—ANDREW MACBEATH, "Forgiveness Is Incredible!" *Eternity*, 9-54.

ENERGY—Solar—10

The energy of sunlight itself falling each day on an atomic energy plant would be roughly equivalent to the energy of one H-bomb produced per day.—Dr S GRANICK, *Science Digest*.

FAITH—11

There are no miracles to men who do not believe in them.—*The Woman CPA*, published by American Woman's Soc'y of Certified Public Accountants.

FREEDOM—12

Human freedom is not a gift to man. It is an achievement by man, and, as it was gained by vigilance and struggle, so it may be lost by indifference and supineness.—Sen HARRY BYRD, *Outdoor America*.

Mining the Magazines



Today, with modern electronic devices, it's easier to tap a phone than to install one. So asserts A E Hotchner ("The Truth About Wire Tapping") in *True* (Sept). The author introduces testimony of J Edgar Hoover asserting that FBI taps about 170 phones a day in security cases (this despite the fact that practice is forbidden by Fed'l law). "I can tap any telephone in the world," Hotchner quotes a Washington detective. "Churchill's, Franco's, the Pope's, even Malenkov's. Just give me money enough and I can swing it!"

Commenting on the current flurry in uranium stocks, a broker lately opined, "The way to make a killing in uranium isn't to mine the stuff, but to sell the stock!" In "Prospecting by Stock Certificate," Armand C Erpf tells the story (*The Exchange*, Sept) pointing out some of the more obvious perils to inexperienced investors.

While the female of our species may view the current fashion trend as a Dior disaster, the French designer really didn't start the big squeeze. *Cosmopolitan* records the parade of the pinch, dating from 2500 B C. Smaller the waist, higher the rank was a ruling of the 16th Century. The Queen of France, it is recorded, measured 13 inches around!

Life has been asked by U S Olympic Committee to co-operate

Barron's, in an article on jet development, tells of a visitor at a jet motor factory who remarked, "As I see it, you simply have a problem of trying to contain and control fire." A development engineer replied: "Yes; and that's all the devil has to do in hell!"

with them in raising \$1,000,000 for team expenses over next 2 yrs. Might seem a more appropriate assignment for the younger Luce periodical, *Sports Illustrated*, but Committee seeks the larger audience. Reader with a good memory may ask about Bob Hope-Bing Crosby "telethon" originally assigned this chore last yr. Answer: television, lacking a collection gimmick, fell down. The boys got \$1,000,000 in telephoned pledges, but only \$300,000 cash materialized. *Life* will seek names on the dotted line, preferably with checks attached!

Celebrating its 25th anniv, *Business Wk* (9-4-'54) published a special section titled, "Twenty-five Yrs That Re-made America." Details changes in management, labor, production, marketing, etc.

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FUTURE—13

Tomorrow's us is ours to fashion —by what we make our own today.—NORMAN G SHIDLE, Editorial, *SAE Jnl.*

GOOD—Evil—14

In the world's good is your own, and in yours the world's.—CARLETON WASHBURN, *The World's Good (Day)*.

HEALTH—Mental—15

Eighty-five per cent of the mentally ill could be cured if they got the right treatment in time, says the Nat'l Ass'n for Mental Health. Right now, only half those who enter mental hospitals come out recovered, and there are more Americans in mental hospitals than in all other hospitals combined.—DONALD MCKAY, *Signs of the Times*.

HEALTH—Illness—16

Fifteen per cent of all U S families are in debt to hospitals, physicians, dentists and other providers of medical goods and services. The total debt is \$900 million. About a million families owe \$195 or more. Twenty-one per cent of all families with children have a medical debt.

In '53 approx a million families incurred charges incident to illness equalling or exceeding half their annual income; half these families incurred charges equalling or exceeding 100 per cent of their incomes. Exclusive of insurance premiums and portions paid by insurance, the average charge incurred by families in relation to illness is \$178 per yr.—*Health Information Foundation*.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—17

The positive correlation between the rate of delinquency and war and cold war cannot be ignored. It is hard to instill those bit-in controls of hostile behavior when children are being reared in a world that reeks of hostility and in which the whole economy is geared to the ultimate in expression of hostility—death and destruction.—BERTRAM BECK, director *Special Juvenile Delinquency Project*.

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There is a definite relationship between a child's concept of law and order and adult attitudes toward income-tax evasion, traffic-ticket fixing and the simple instructions to a child to tell the bill collector mama isn't home, when she is.—Sen ROBT C HENDRICKSON, chmn, Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency.

LIFE—Living—18

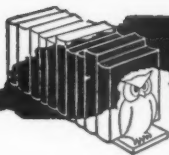
Not many days are without sunshine, and no day without light.—ALICE ROBERTS, *Wkly Unity*.

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Many of those who spend hrs watching bids being torn down are those whose lives have gone in the same direction. — *Laurens (Ia) Sun*.

MODERN AGE—19

A middle-aged lady was trying to teach a group of toddlers an old favorite song, something about “This is the way we wash our clothes,” accompanied by washboard motions. It didn't go over. Not one of the 75 modern small fry before her knew what a washboard was, tho several could demonstrate tumble action in an automatic machine. — OREN ARNOLD, *Presbyterian Life*.



Book Briefs

Richard Armour, as readers of QUOTE have good reason to know, has a special genius for lifting inconsequential bits from the public prints and bldg on this fragile framework alluring bits of light verse. In *Light Armour* (McGraw-Hill) a release from the Frozen Food Locker Ass'n, asserting that a locker is the best possible place to hide in an atomic explosion, elicits this observation:

Yes, now I lay me
Down to sleep
And if I die
At least I'll keep.

There are many ways of getting publicity, and Patricia McCormick, the Texas gal who quit college to fight bulls, certainly took the hard course. On the eve of publication of her book, *Lady Bullfighter* (Holt) Pat made the headlines—being gored and critically injured by a bull in an exhibition at Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

In the battle raging between movies and tv for production rights of popular books, television is emerging a bad 2nd, according to an editorial observation in *Hollywood Reporter*. Few tv budgets can stand more than \$5,000, while movies will pay ten times that sum, if they want an item badly enough. This advantage, veteran showmen believe, will assure motion pictures a permanent place in our entertainment future.

"How dare you recommend such a vile book for my daughter to read," cried an enraged parent to the English teacher.

The teacher, completely baffled, asked for further elucidation.

"Why," said the mother indignantly, "she tells me you recommended a book called *The Vices of the Virgins!*"

"Oh," the teacher breathed a sigh of relief. "There has been a slight misunderstanding. The book I suggested was *Devices for Diversions.*"—M M MYERS, Los Angeles School Jnl.

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Bohemian Brigade, published by Knopf last wk, is an acc't, by Louis M Starr, of reporters in the Civil War. Even in those days, it seems, the gentlemen of the press had expense-account troubles. Horace Greeley complained on this score to his field man, Charlie Page. But Page, like the craftsmen of a later day, had a ready answer: "Early news is expensive news, Mr Greeley. If I have watermelons and whisky ready when officers come along after a fight, I get the news without asking questions."

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"Wizard of Menlo Park"

The scientists' new play-it-safe credo, "Invent if you will, but don't say what you think about it," would have drawn a blast from America's dean of inventors, Thos Alva Edison, who lit the 1st practical electric light 75 yrs ago (Oct 21, 1879) at Menlo Park, N J. Outspoken about everything from education to unions, he once said this about his work:

"Making things which kill men is against my fibre. I would rather make people laugh. The world has been steeped in darkness long enough."

Patenting more than 3000 discoveries and improvements, Edison brought us a long way out of that darkness, and saw with startling clarity into the future dimness:

"There will one day spring from the brain of science a machine or force so fearful in its potentialities, so absolutely terrifying, that even man, the fighter . . . will be appalled and so will abandon war forever."

"(Atomic) energy could be turned into electricity. . . The force residing in such a power is gigantic and illimitable."

"If wars are ever done away with, their cessation will not be due to sentimental arguments, but to the fact that science and invention may make war so dangerous . . . that . . . people in all nations . . . will be universally against the stupid war idea."

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NATIONALISM—20

In an atomic age, nationalism is in itself an incredible phenomenon. It assumes that the hurricanes of evil which sweep the world will avoid particular areas just because we have the windows boarded up.—Editorial, *U S News and World Report*.

POPULATION—21

The world's population has more than doubled in the past 100 yrs. There were 1,160,000,000 persons on the globe in 1850, compared with an estimated 2,500,000,000 today.—*Report of French Nat'l Institute of Statistics*.

POPULATION—Birth—22

Couples today are having more 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th children. In 1953 as compared to 1940 there were 90% more 2nd children per family, 85% more 3rd children, 60% more 4th children, and 15% more 5th children.—Reported in *Time*.

PRAYER—23

Sometimes a congressional chaplain must get pretty discouraged.—*Banking*.

PREACHERS—Preaching—24

A friend told us his great grandfather's formula for a successful sermon: "Begin low, go slow, rise higher, take fire, and sit down in the storm." — *KVP Philosopher*, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

PROBLEMS—25

A problem all too often is merely the absence of an idea.—*Baptist Observer*.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Oct 17-23

Nat'l Want Ad Wk

Nat'l Bible Wk (18-24)

Nat'l Hat Wk (23-30)

Oct 17—Feast of St Luke. . . Layman's Sunday. . . Aflame with zeal for U S "manifest destiny," Pres Pierce's ministers issued the Ostend Manifesto 100 yrs ago (1854), which said seizing Cuba was justifiable if Spain would not sell it. . . With price supports unknown, dismayed farmers during a panic 60 yrs ago (1894) watched wheat prices fall to an all-time low of 54.5¢ a bushel.

Oct 18—The 1st Bibliographical society was formed 50 yrs ago (1904). . . With his back against the wall, Hitler drafted all German males from 16-60 into a Home Army 10 yrs ago (1944).

Oct 19—The last British attempt to sell taxed tea to the colonists went up in smoke 180 yrs ago (1774) when an angry mob advised the skipper of the *Peggy Stewart* to burn his tea-loaded ship, or they would. . . Making his famous "ride to Winchester" 90 yrs ago (1864), Gen Sheridan provided a B-movie ending to the Battle of Cedar Creek by galloping up just in time to rally his troops and drive the enemy from the Shenandoah Valley. . . Taking the whole thing rather lightly, a couple was married over Cincinnati 80 yrs ago (1874) in the 1st balloon wedding on record.

Oct 20—95th anniv (1859) b of John Dewey, philosopher-educator who fought for more realistic school curricula (a few yrs before his death in 1952, he snorted, "The schools are a drift rather than a system"). . . Albuquerque Academy, later the Univ of New Mexico, opened its doors 75 yrs ago (1879). . . The U S and Britain finally agreed on Alaska's boundary 55 yrs ago (1899). . . Keeping his "I shall return" promise to the Filipinos, Gen Douglas McArthur came ashore with U S troops invading Leyte 10 yrs ago (1944).

Oct 21—Credit Union Day. . . The world became a brighter place 75 yrs ago (1879) when Thos Alva Edison lit the 1st practical incandescent lamp (it glowed for 45 hrs before burning out).

Oct 22—On the predicted Day of Judgment 110 yrs ago (1844) Wm Miller's followers, the 2nd Adventists, waited in vain for Gabriel's horn, then gave up and went home for supper. . . 65 yrs ago (1889) the never-finished Nicaragua canal was begun.

Oct 23—Murmuring "We never thought they'd get so uppity!" the British Chancery dissolved the powerful and too-independent Massachusetts Bay Company 290 yrs ago (1764) and substituted a Royal Governor.

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"Of all things!"

Last wk Sam'l Miller Brownell, U S Commissioner of Education, made the rather arresting statement that teachers' prospects are twice as good as a few yrs ago. "The day is upon us," he concluded, "when schools will vie for good teachers as some now compete for good athletes."

Let us hope and pray. Meanwhile, too many in higher education face the prospect that a yr ago confronted Umberto Palo, a middle-aged history teacher in South River High School, in New Jersey (as *Newsweek* tells the story). Palo had been teaching for 20 yrs; he had a Master of Arts degree from Ohio State Univ; he made \$4,200 a yr; could look forward in another 20 yrs to retirement on a \$2,500 pension. It wasn't much of a prospect. So he turned to insurance. In 11 mo's he sold \$3 million in policies; made himself \$35,000 in commissions.

But Palo is an exception. Not all teaching personnel can sell—or want to sell. And, let us face it frankly, there are futility factors beyond financial compensation that are eating into the once-hard core of professional prestige. Time was when a teacher ranked 2nd only to a minister of the gospel in community regard. That is no longer true. Dorothy Kilgallen told lately of a Ph D who left his university post to become a Stor's Club waiter: "A psychiatric case," you say. Maybe. But the profession of teaching has lost a sustaining force that it needs to regain.

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The common facts of today are the product of yesterday's research.—Dean DUNCAN MACDONALD, *Volta Review*.

RESPONSIBILITY—27

Take responsibility on your shoulders and it will leave no room for chips.—GEO ABBOTT, *Norfolk Virginia Chapter*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—28

Sign near Colorado Springs: "The average time it takes a train to pass this crossing is 14 seconds—whether your car is on it or not."—*Pageant*.

SALESMANSHIP—29

Fortunes are told with playing cards . . . but made with calling cards.—*From an advertisement of McGraw-Hill Pub Co.*

SEXES—30

Woman was not taken from man's head to be ruled by him, nor from his feet to be trampled upon, but from his side to walk beside him, from under his arm to be protected by him, and from near his heart to be loved by him.—GORDON HIGHAM, *Bob White's Scrapbook*.

SPEECH—Preparation—31

The well is deep, and you must have something to draw with. But there is no need to make people drink out of the bucket, still less chew on the rope.—W R MALBY, *British Wkly*, London.

SPEECH—Speaking—32

One of the better known after-dinner speakers is he who is always making an important phone call when the waiter presents the check.—FRANCES RODMAN.

TEACHERS—Teaching—33

Small boy scowling over report card said to his dad: "Naturally I seem stupid to my teacher; she's a college graduate." — *Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n.

THOUGHT—34

One of the holiest habits man can have, and one necessary to survival, is the habit of thinking, instead of repeating slogans. Slogans rot the mind. A person can go on repeating accepted slogans in the political and religious field, with no more disturbance of gray matter than it takes to repeat "Polly wants a cracker."—SIMEON STYLITES, *Christian Century*, 9-15-'54.

WISDOM—35

We can be or become wise in all matters of secondary importance, but we have to be resigned to utter ignorance in the most important respect: we cannot have any knowledge regarding the ultimate principles of our choices, i e, regarding their soundness or unsoundness; our ultimate principles have no other support than our arbitrary and blind preferences. We are then in the position of beings who are sane and sober when engaged in trivial business and who gamble like madmen when confronted with serious issues—retail sanity and wholesale madness.—LEO STRAUSS, *Natural Right and History* (Univ of Chicago Press).

WORK—36

A man can do more than he thinks he can, but usually less than he thinks he does.—Yankton (S D) *Public Opinion*.

In Brief

Plans are being made, we hear, for 3 more Broadway plays to be presented in theatres across the country via closed-circuit tv hook-up. Actors Equity is working out details with a group to be known as Box Office TV, Inc. One of the 1st offerings may be *The Seven-Year Itch*. . . Now, the story of gang violence and corruption in Phenix City, Ala, is to get dramatized treatment in *The Phenix City Story*, soon to be filmed with Glenn Ford, Edw G Robinson and Geo Raft. . . The suit manufacturers, it seems, are going to have to re-tool when color tv comes along. When the grain of cloth runs 2 ways (as in the case of lapels, in contrast to the body of a jacket) it shows on the screen as 2 separate colors.

Wm Zeckendorf, who was defeated by Conrad Hilton in his bid for the Statler hotel chain, has been talking with Rob't R Young, chmn of N Y Central, about constructing a bldg on site of the present Grand Central Station. Plans call for a structure "higher than the Empire State bldg.". . . Superstition about the number 13 may be on the way out. Until lately many office bldgs omitted 13th floor, jumping abruptly from 12 to 14. But Westinghouse elevator engineers rep't that more than 90% of modern skyscrapers have a 13th floor. The dreaded "13" also appears in its normal order in the numbering of rooms on each floor.

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Good Stories..... you can use

Two businessmen were having lunch at Lindy's. One ordered chicken noodle soup and the other ordered borscht. When the waiter returned, he brought the chicken noodle soup. But he placed a bowl of potato soup before the man who had ordered the borscht. "The kitchen is all out of borscht," he apologized, "but just taste this potato soup. It's terrific!"

The man tasted it. "It's out of this world!" he exclaimed delightedly.

His friend pushed his chicken noodle soup away. "Why," he demanded, "didn't you bring me some of that potato soup, too, if it's so wonderful?"

"Sir!" said the waiter loftily. "did you order borscht?"—*Pag-eant.* **a**

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The play was a most dismal flop. The creaking plot appeared to hinge on a big trunk resting against the back scenery. "What can be in the trunk?" mused one of the characters.

"I do not know," repl'd the other actor woodenly.

"Shall we look in the trunk?" pondered the 1st.

"Good idea," agreed the other. "Let us open the trunk."

At this point an exasperated critic in the front row exploded. "There wouldn't be a plot in that trunk, would there?" — *Illustrated Wkly of India.* **b**

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

GERTRUDE SPRINGER

In Kalamazoo, Mich, our Western State Teacher's College and the State Hospital for the Insane are located in the same area on West Michigan Avenue.

One of our club mbrs, who was getting a degree at Western, was giving a resume of her experience with Modern Art. To the ones who loved beauty and order, the modernistic theories became wilder and more fantastic as she explained them.

Finally she described a painting that was the ULTIMATE in modernity. The subject was a large human ear which was covered with scenic designs, drops of blood and figures of the body such as are drawn by children of kindergarten age.

The room was silent while we assimilated this.

Finally one of the women said earnestly, "Alice, do you think you got in the right bldg down there?"

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The school bd was discussing increments, merit raises, etc, at salary time, and there was some discussion that was quite foreign to one elderly mbr of the bd who piped up, "Merit or single, what's the difference; pay 'em the same." — *Minnesota Jnl of Education.* **c**

Wise Cracks

A minister told his Sunday school children a story about a shepherd who found a sick lamb and wrapped it in one of his garments and took it home to nurse it back to health. "Now," he concluded, "do any of you children know a story in which such a kind action was expressed?"

There was silence. Then a little girl said: "I didn't see this myself, but I heard my daddy say he had put his shirt on a horse and lost it."—*Mental Health in Virginia.* d

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Then there's the case of the man who was distressed because he'd lost 100 lbs — she was a blonde.—*Kreolite News.* e

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"Reverend," said an admiring female member of the congregation at the close of service one Sunday morning, "I thought you ought to know that I come to these services only because of your sermons. They are so wonderful that you ought to have them published in a book."

"Oh, I don't know," said the minister with his usual modesty, "I am not so sure that my sermons deserve that much attention. Perhaps they will be published posthumously."

"Well, then," said the woman enthusiastically, "I hope that will be real soon."—*DAN BENNETT.* f

A man never knows how his wife suffers. Unless, of course, he listens.—*FRANKLIN P JONES.*

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Lovers who walk the straight and narrow path usually have no car.—*A A SCHILLING.*

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The outstanding religion in Washington, D C, sometimes seems to be Confusionism.—*KAY INGRAM.*

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Suburbanite: a commuter of long standing.—*EDNA MAY BUSH.*

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McCarthy may have a good word for somebody, but it's not within a hearing's distance.—*PETE BAIRD, New Orleans Times-Picayune.*

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Ten centuries from now man will have no teeth, says a scientist. It is doubtful, however, if he will gum up things then more than he is doing now.—*Grit.*

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Scientists report that it is now possible to kill insect pests by radio. The average program will do excellently for this purpose.—*Aftonbladet (Denmark).*

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For the 2nd time this yr, the nation crowds around tv sets and radios. But this time the contest will be decided by 4 out of 7 games, not 4 out of 7 Senators.—*LUKE NEELY.*

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"Going Up!"

Lady of our acquaintance, reprimanding an articulate group: "Stop yapping so much about Right and Left. The important thing to remember is that there's an Above and a Below!" — OREN ARNOLD, *Presbyterian Life*.

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Buketoff, the conductor, recalls a Young People's Concert rendition of *Tuba Mirum*. He asked: "Does anyone know what the Day of Judgment is?"

From the balcony a small confident voice came forth: "That's the day when God decides whether you go up or down." — ALFRED K ALLAN, *Etude*.

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A mother called the headmaster of one of the great Episcopal private schools and asked for an appointment. She wanted her son registered at a religious school—and this was "A religious school?" Might she see the headmaster?

The reply was given that the day was a holy day; since it was Ascension Day the headmaster would not come to his office.

The mother made this reply: "Oh, a church holiday! I think I'll come anyhow. I would like to see your campus when you have a holy holiday; and tell me, what time will the ascension be?"—KENNETH IRVING BROWN, *Not Minds Alone* (Harper).

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A woman who has reached the age of discretion recently had an operation, and there was a story in the paper about it. Afterwards somebody told her she looked very well, and asked if she suffered any ill effects.

"None," she mourned, "except now everybody knows my age."

"Hmm," murmured the well-wisher. "Did they count the rings when they cut you open?"—*Milwaukee Jnl.*

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"Mary," said a mother to her quick-tempered little girl, "you must not grow angry and say naughty things. You should always give a soft answer."

When her brother provoked her an hr later, Mary clenched her little fist and snarled, "Mush!"—*Arkansas Methodist*.

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Reports coming out of Russia tell of an intensive training of athletes of unusual ability, and it is predicted they will defeat our boys at the next Olympics. Can they have discovered something better than Wheaties?—*P-K Sideline*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co:

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In a men's clothing store a tiny slip of a girl was waiting on a man who must have weighed at least 250 lbs. He wanted to buy a belt, but did not know the size, so the girl produced a tape measure. For a moment she stood eyeing her customer, a puzzled look on her face. Then she smiled in relief. "Here," she said brightly, "you hold this end while I run around."—*Capper's Wkly.*

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A recent ad in a Swiss paper read: "Wanted, a wife who is not as smart as I am, but smart enough to make me feel smarter than I am." Up to now there have been no replies.—*Weltbild*, Munich (QUOTE translation). m



Mentally Disturbed

At a meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, it was stated that methods used to treat mentally disturbed individuals could be applied to nations.—News item.

Call off the conference of powers,
The speeches lasting hours and hours,

The diplomatic huddle.
Let mental doctors hark to dreams
And sundry moans and sighs and screams,

And solve the inner muddle.

Build couches, now, of nation size
For countries whole to close their eyes

And willingly confess.
Psychiatrists may help humanity
And lead us out of our insanity,
Though statesmen lack success.

Release repressions, free the id,
Bring out the shame for what we did,

Let psyches clear and quicken.
And when the nations all confess—

Cough up entire their mental mess—

Psychiatrists will sicken.

A Los Angeles teacher training her class in the use of proverbs said, "Cleanliness is next to what?"

A little boy exclaimed feelingly, "Impossible!" — *Superintendent's Bulletin*. n

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A mbr of the theatrical profession made a practice of trying to do away with herself because of her complicated affairs of the heart. The 5th time this romantic lady had been rushed to the hospital, a well-known columnist offered a word of advice.

"You want to go easy on this suicide stuff," he said kindly. "The 1st thing you know, you'll ruin your health."—*Tatler* (London). o

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Sports car enthusiast arrived at the Pearly Gates in his Jaguar.

"You are welcome," St Peter told him, "but in Heaven we don't use automobiles."

"Then I'm in the wrong place," stated the sports car enthusiast. "Can you give me a passport to Hell?"

This was arranged and Satan welcomed the Jaguar owner.

"You're just my type," he beamed.

"Fine!" enthused the speed fan. "Gimme a map of your highways."

"Sir," said Satan, "there are no roads down here. That's the Hell of it." — *GEO F TAUBENECK, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration News*. p

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Quote-ettes

GEO MEANY, pres. AFofL: "This is the season for (political) promises, and to descend to the vernacular . . . this is the season for baloney and bunk." 1-Q-t

Sen WAYNE MORSE (Ind-Ore), who boasts he can hold his party caucus in a telephone booth: "The one good thing about being a solitary independent is that you always have the unanimous support of your party." 2-Q-t

PATRICK CAMPBELL, of Torquay, England, fined for being drunk and disorderly and entering the bedroom of a strange lady: "I thought it was the YMCA!" 3-Q-t

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Add another aid to painless education: Dr S F Skinner, psychology prof at Harvard, has developed a machine for teaching arithmetic. The child reads his problem printed on paper tape visible thru a window on top of the device, which is about the size of a small record player.

The pupil then indicates his answer by moving sliders on which digits from 0 to 9 are printed. When his answer is set, he turns a knob. If the answer is correct, a bell rings (we really think a light should flash, too, at this point, but it doesn't). If the answer is wrong, the knob does not

turn freely, and the child must turn it back and have another whirl at the problem.

If Junior remains resistant to arithmetic, he may grow up to be like us—we can even get the wrong answer on an adding machine. So for adults who are unhappy when forced to add, we suggest a pocket calculator which adds and subtracts quickly and accurately. We don't know all the details of its operation, but mfr says it is easy to use. They suggest it should be especially useful for adding bills, checking grocery lists, and adding bridge scores. It costs \$2, comes from Priesmeyer Co, 110 S Central, Clayton 5, Mo.

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